

REMARKS

Claims 28, 30 and 37-67 are currently pending. Claims 1-27 drawn to non-elected subject matter are canceled. Claims 29-32 are canceled without prejudice. Support for amendments to Claim 28 are found in the Specification as filed, for example at page 6, lines 12-16 and 20-23, page 11, lines 11-16 and page 13, line 19 to page 14, line 1. New Claims 37-67 recite methods that are dependent on Claim 28. Support for new Claims 37-49 and 53-65 is found in original Claims 2-27. Claims 50-52 are supported by the Specification as filed, for example at page 11, lines 18-19. Support for Claim 66 is found in the Specification as filed, for example at page 21 of the Specification, Example 1. Support for Claim 67 is found in original Claim 33. No new matter has been added herewith.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 from among the following Groups of Claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-26, drawn to a delivery device adapted to deliver one or more treatment substances internally to an animal.
- Group II: Claims 28-31, drawn to a method of altering the composition of animal waste.
- Group III: Claims 32-33, drawn to a composition comprising one or more treatment substances for directly or indirectly affecting the conversion of nitrogen containing compounds in animal waste and material to ensure the conversion is affected once the animal waste is excreted from the animal.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group II now encompassing Claims 28, 30 and new claims 37-67. Claim 28 is amended to recite a method of reducing loss of nitrogen from soil exposed to waste from animals comprising: identifying the animals whose waste is applied to said soil; introducing a treatment substance selected from the group consisting of a urease inhibitor compound and a nitrification inhibitor compound internally to said animals; and excreting waste from the animals onto the soil, thereby causing less loss of nitrogen from the soil than waste from the animals if said treatment substances were not introduced.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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